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Humboldt's new disaster recovery plan

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT — As Humboldt County communities reflect on a recent earthquake and tsunami warning, a new emergency plan outlines how disaster recovery efforts should be coordinated and carried out.

The county has an Emergency Operations Plan but a new addendum to it – known as a Recovery Annex – is in draft form. At its Dec. 10 meeting, the Board of Supervisors fielded a presentation on it.

Office of Emergency Services (OES) Manager Ryan Derby said recovery planning is “a new construct” gleaned from experience.



Natalie Arroyo

“One critical lesson that we learned out of the 2022 earthquake was the need to prioritize recovery early in the response,” he continued. “Oftentimes recovery comes after the fact, but if we wait to implement recovery programs until after the immediate response is concluded, we’re already behind the ball.”

The OES “used the practice that we implemented in 2022 to create essentially a new incident command system” to respond to emergencies that require recovery efforts, including those that span months or even years.

The Annex differentiates between gov-

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Tsunami response gets a rehearsal

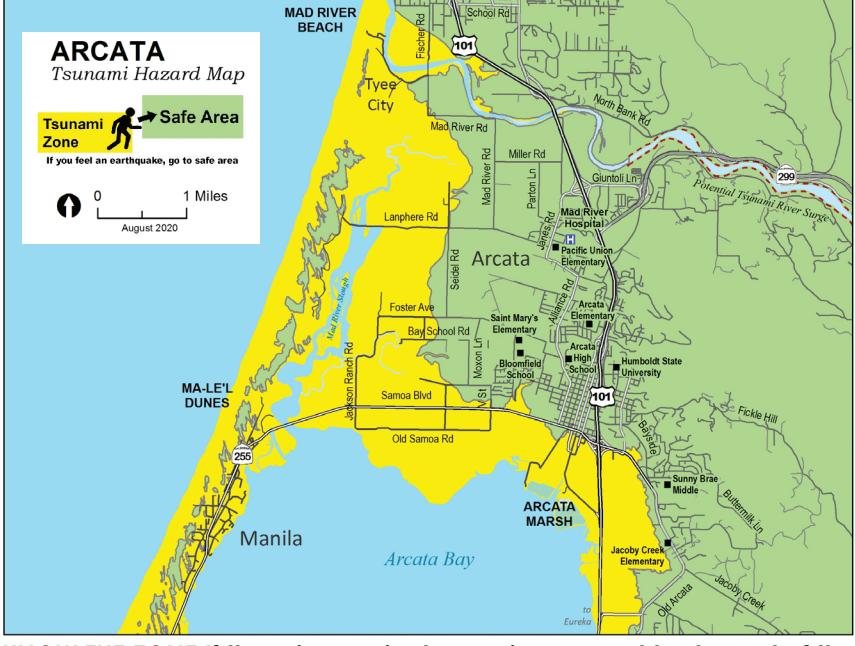
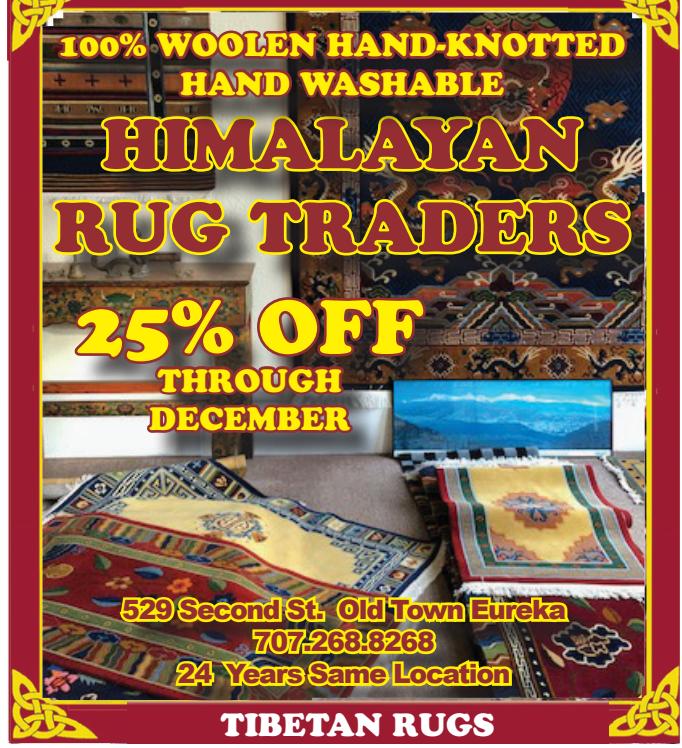
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MANILA — The community response to the Dec. 5 tsunami warning was a mixed bag, with some residents carefully following evacuation orders for low-lying areas, while others drove directly into areas where they would have likely been drowned had a major tsunami actually hit the coast.

Fortunately, a major tsunami never came and there were no injuries. Many are likening that day’s magnitude 7.0 earthquake response and subsequent tsunami evacuations as a dress rehearsal and an opportunity to learn what went right and what went wrong.

One of the success stories took place at Willows & Dunes Childcare, located in a

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KNOW THE ZONE If there is a major tsunami, you need to stay out of the yellow area, which is the tsunami zone. VIA REDWOOD COAST TSUNAMI WORK GROUP

Morris School could close

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MCKINLEYVILLE — Due to declining enrollment, the McKinleyville Union School District may close down Morris School in two years.

The proposal will be considered by the MUSD’s Board of Trustees in the coming year.

Under the proposal, outlined in a Dec. 9 letter by Superintendent

dent Julie Giannini-Previde to MUSD families and staff, by the 2026-2027 school year, Dow’s Prairie would offer transitional kindergarten to third-grade classes and McKinleyville Middle School would offer fourth through eighth grade classes.

Morris School would be used for district office space, preschool and other grant-funded programs.

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Body of deceased woman found in Bay

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

SAMOA — On Tuesday, Dec. 10 at approximately 9:30 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office was dispatched to Comet Street near Samoa for the report of a body that appeared to be deceased floating near a dock in the Humboldt Bay.

A Special Services Division deputy arrived at the scene, moved the body to the shore, and confirmed that the body was a deceased female.

The Deputy Coroner was then called to the

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McKinleyville man sought after robbery incident

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
HUMBOLDT — The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in locating an outstanding suspect named Michael Cady, 34, of McKinleyville.

Cady was involved in a robbery and attempted homicide that took place on April 13 in Fortuna.

Over the past several months, HCSO investigators and agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDTF) have conducted an



Michael Cady

ongoing investigation into this robbery, following up with leads, assistance from community members and evidence gathered at the scene.

Three white male adults were involved in this incident; Jackson Parrott, 44, of Scotia, was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on Aug. 22 and Christopher Overholt, 43, of Lodi, was arrested by Jackson County Sheriff's Office in Oregon this week.

Cady is still outstanding, and efforts are being made to locate him.

Deputies went to Cady's known residence on Friday, Dec. 6 to serve a search warrant and locate him, but no one was found on the property.

Anyone with information on Cady's whereabouts is urged to contact law enforcement immediately.

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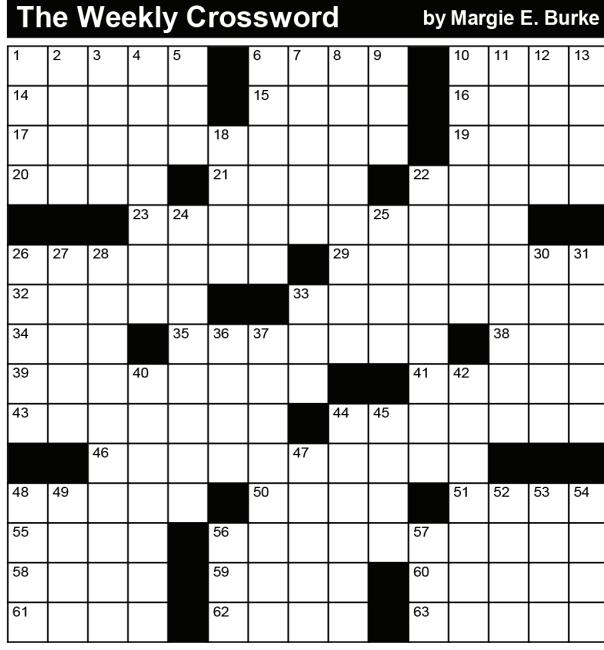


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Sunday, Dec. 8	00.00	13.44	09.23	09.23
Monday, Dec. 9	00.00	13.44	09.23	09.49
Tuesday, Dec. 10	00.00	13.44	09.23	09.75
Wednesday, Dec. 11	00.53	13.97	09.23	10.00
Thursday, Dec. 12	00.59	14.56	09.24	10.26
Friday, Dec. 13	01.37	15.93	09.24	10.53
Saturday, Dec. 14	00.48	16.41	09.24	10.80

Rain as measured by National Weather Service at Woodley Island.

Weather year starts on Oct. 1.



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HCSO arrests Zach, then HCDTF finds a ghost gun factory

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

EUREKA — On Wednesday, Dec. 11, agents with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDTF) served a search warrant on Zachary Michael Osborne, 27, and his residence located in 2000 block of Aldo Court in Eureka. During the months of November and December, the HCDTF received information that Osborne was using controlled substances and manufacturing firearms with a 3D printer inside of his residence. Osborne was previously arrested on Dec. 5 for being in possession of a non-serialized firearm and a controlled substance.

Upon HCDTF's arrival at Osborne's residence, he was detained at the front door without incident. During the search of Osborne's residence, agents located a functional 3D printer connected to a computer. Agents observed several programs on the computer depicting "blueprints" designed to create firearm lower receivers and firearm components with the 3D printer.

Agents also located several spools of 3D printer filament, four complete pistol upper receivers, two incomplete handgun lowers, multiple firearm components for manufacturing handguns, ammunition, a second 3D printer and multiple items indicative of drug paraphernalia.

At the conclusion of the search warrant, Osborne was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility and booked on the following charges:

- Operating/maintaining a drug house
- Illegally manufacturing firearms.
- Prohibited person possessing ammunition

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Osborne's alleged plastic gun manufacturing rig. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives called 3D printed guns "Privately Made Firearms (PMFs)." PMFs are commonly referred to as "ghost guns" because it can be difficult to track them.

HCDTF PHOTO



Canine Correction



Sweet shelter doggie Scarlet was erroneously referred to as Charlotte last week. Sorry, Scarlet! humboldtgov.org/2658/Animal-Shelter



METHY SITUATION Glocked and loaded. HCSO PHOTO

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EUREKA — On Thursday, Dec. 5 at about 2:45 a.m., a Humboldt County Sheriff's deputy conducted a traffic stop near Fern Street and Vista Drive in Eureka on a 1998 Toyota 4-Runner that bore the license plate of a 2009 BMW.

Deputies contacted the driver, Zachary Osborne, age 27, of Eureka, and inquired about the false plate on the vehicle. By running the VIN, deputies confirmed that the vehicle had not been registered with the DMV for the past two years. Upon contact, deputies observed that Osborne was displaying symptoms of drug intoxication such as erratic movements, inability to speak coherently and rapid speech. This caused the deputies concern that Osborne was operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

Osborne was asked to exit the vehicle to conduct a sobriety check. When he exited, Osborne was asked if he had any weapons in his vehicle and replied, "No, but there is one on me." Osborne was detained and searched, and a loaded glock-style handgun was located in his waistband. Osborne was arrested for carrying a concealed loaded firearm in public.

A search revealed paraphernalia and a glass tube containing fentanyl in his possession. The vehicle was searched and deputies also located small baggies used for storing illicit substances and a glass methamphetamine pipe.

Osborne was booked on the following charges:

- Possession of a controlled substance while armed
- False evidence of vehicle registration
- Possession of a controlled substance
- Possession of a controlled substance paraphernalia
- Carrying a loaded firearm in a public place
- Carrying a firearm capable of being concealed
- Felon in possession of a firearm

STATE OF MCKINLEYVILLE 2025 The annual State of McKinleyville event takes place Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville. The Speaking Program will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with tabling before and after. The event is sponsored by the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce.

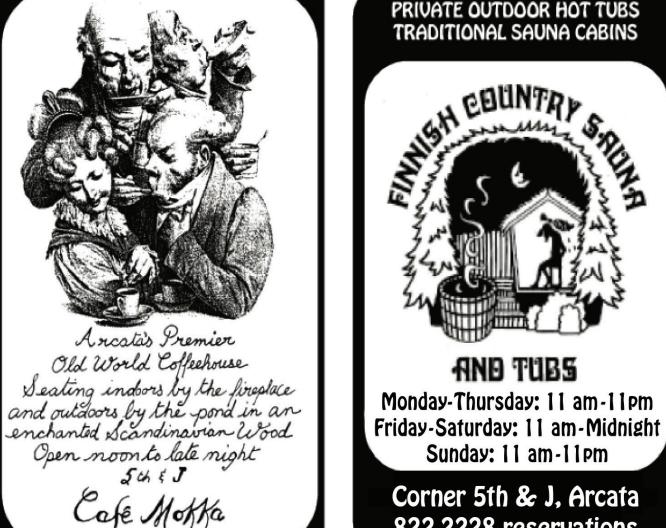


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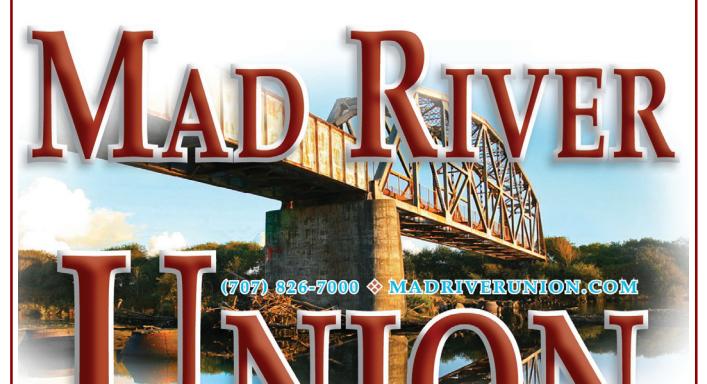
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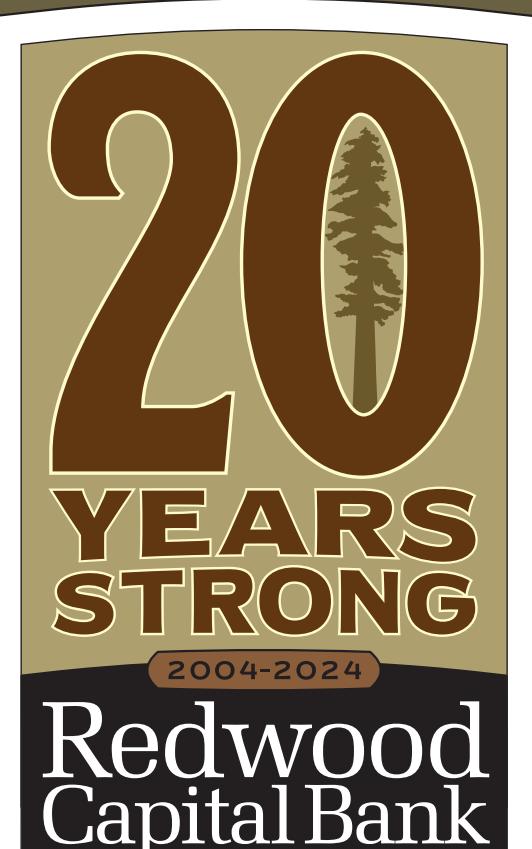
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Girl Scouts will offer a pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

with singing carols. Local artists and vendors will sell unique gifts from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The McKinleyville Lions Club will offer free vision screenings during the Holiday Fair. Santa arrives at 9 a.m. with treats for good little girls and boys.

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Winston, Elvis and Holly were gracious hosts at the Holiday Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who came out to the shelter last weekend for the Holiday Fundraiser!

The weather gods chose to be kind and it was a rain-free afternoon. We had visits from several of our pups that have been beneficiaries of the Emergency Medical Fund and that really helped our guests see how important the fund is.

One of our visitors was sweet Winston, a seven-month old boy who had eye surgery to correct a painful situation of eyelids turned in and eyelashes potentially scratching his eyes. Winston spent an hour or so in the lobby with the shelter guests and charmed everyone with his nice manners! He has been living in a foster home with kitties and is learning how to be a good housemate to them.

Winston is about 45 pounds now and has a little growing to do. He has lovely soft white fur and a gentle nature. He was happy to demonstrate some training techniques to some shelter supporters that were having challenges with their home dog. Though I have not

handled him much previously, he followed right along with the demo and was a model student!

Winston is quite attentive, loves his treats and is easy to train. Winston was happy to have some new toys to take home after the event and took them nicely. This boy will make a great family dog.

Did I mention I have his sister? She came to us at Redwood Pals through a different route, but there is no doubt that she and Winston, and the recently adopted

Fletcher, are all siblings. There is a new addition to the available dogs at the shelter, Topher, who also appears to be a brother. In good news, Redwood Pals was finally able to neuter the local dog that is the father to all of these (and more!).

Winston is neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and heartworm-tested. His fosters would be proud to show him off for possible adoption.

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In addition to the EMF recipients, we also brought out some pups to staff the kissing booth at the event. Siblings



Elvis and Holly were crowd favorites!

These cattle dog mix pups are very sweet and social and loved meeting all the guests. They performed their smooch booth duties with enthusiasm but were also very good about staying calm in the crowd, sit-



Winston, before and after eye surgery.
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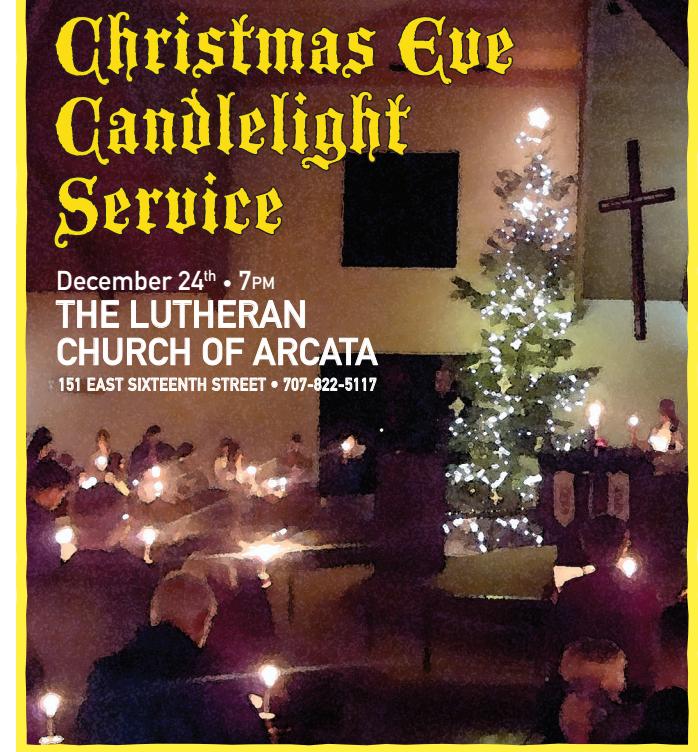
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OATHS AND OFFICES After months of election activity, new leaders took office last week, swearing to uphold their respective constituencies' values. Above left, incumbent Arcata City Councilmembers Alex Stillman, Stacy Atkins-Salazar and Sarah Schaefer are re-sworn by City Clerk Rhea Varley as outgoing Mayor Meredith Matthews looks wistfully on. Stillman, left, was then appointed as mayor, with Councilmember Kimberley White becoming vice mayor. In Trinidad, above, Bryce Kenny (newly selected), Jack Tuttle (continuing), Jack West (departing after 12 years), Carrie Varela (newly selected), Steve Ladwig (departing after eight years), Kati Breckenridge (continuing) and Mayor Cheryl Kelly. See Trinidad *Tidings*, below. LEFT PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION; RIGHT PHOTO BY PATTI FLESCHNER | TRINIDAD TIDINGS

INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER TIME Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year has begun! For those interested in obtaining an interdistrict transfer, please contact your child's district of residence to begin the process for both new and renewal requests. Check with the office of your district of residence for the deadline to submit forms. "This is an important process for parents who wish to enroll their children in a school outside the district of residence, and timely submission of requests provide schools reasonable enrollment predictability," said Michael Davies-Hughes, superintendent of Humboldt County Schools. "We have outstanding programs at schools throughout Humboldt County, and I encourage families to learn more about them as they make enrollment decisions for their children." For more information or to access the current forms, please visit hcoe.org/inter-district/.

TRILLIUM ENROLLMENT Trillium Charter School is enrolling for the spring semester now through Monday, Jan. 6. Trillium offers small class sizes allowing teachers to create a balance of academic and social learning. Curriculum and academic support are provided for each family. All TK-5th grade students are offered our daily homemade snack. Trillium offers weekly field trips and special classes such as ceramics and yoga. Enrollment forms are available on our website or in the office. TrilliumCharter.weebly.com

Trinidad caps 2024 with music, new leaders, hiking and helpfulness

Fleschton Records presents "Dave's Lowdown Holiday Jam" in Trinidad Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. Trinidad raised Dave Fleschner is returning home once again with an evening of music for everyone.

Fleschner was recently selected to represent the Cascade Blues Association in the International Blues Challenge by winning a competition at the Portland Waterfront Blues Festival. He'll be traveling to Memphis in early January to compete with acts from all over the world at this international festival.

At 7 p.m., Fleschner will be accompanying his vocals at the Steinway piano. He'll perform solo versions of his original music from his album *The Blues Cabaret – Where Love Begins*. His songs will both move and amuse you. Fleschner is known for playing different roles in the music industry – ranging from composer, producer, bandleader and side man. His original tunes are influenced by his experience performing American roots music.

At 7:45 p.m. Fleschner will be joined by Dan Berman on the Upright Bass and Josh Kieselhorst on the drums. These three were part of a local band called Muddy Undercarriage in the early 90s. This group of old friends will be leading you through a joyous set of holiday favorites.

To cap off the evening at 9 p.m., Fleschton records is proud to partner with Trinidad Kid, who writes: "Born from casual Camel Rock beach jams comes the native son driving, soulsonic, surfmerica sounds of Trinidad Kid. Spearheaded by Jayden Morehead and Nandi Johannes along with Ry Guy Rollin and In-House band Ambassador Dude LaFleur, T-Kid storms the stage with the Jazz-Wizard Keys Ivory tickling Dave Fleschner and

son Sebastian. A guaranteed good times vibe that's sure to leave your spirit floating into the Trinidad night sky. One Heart, One Love."

Admission is sliding scale \$10 to \$20. All are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. A portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit Trinidad Museum Society. For information, call (503) 349-7883, email fleschtonrecords@gmail.com or visit davefleschner.com.



TYLER OF TRINIDAD Tyler Bradfield won the Trinidad Civic Club Citizenship Award at the Trinidad School Dragon Assembly. Administrative Assistant Stephanie Yantzer wrote that Tyler is a kind and courteous student, always helpful and a diligent worker, has growing leadership skills and is enthusiastic, reliable and inspirational.

JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

Visit the new "Trinidad Eats & Drinks" Trinidad Museum exhibit in the Heritage Room. It features

Trinidad's restaurants, hamburger stands, grocery stores, saloons and smokehouses over the decades. Trinidad Museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Bryce Kenny and Carrie Varela sworn in as new Councilmembers

City Clerk Gabriel Adams swore in new Trinidad City Council members Bryce Kenny and Carrie Varela at last week's City Council meeting. They immediately occupied the seats of out-going Councilmembers Steve Ladwig, who has served as councilmember and mayor during the past eight years, and Mayor Pro-Tem Jack West, who has served for 12 years. Both Ladwig and West were honored with praise and thanks for their years of devotion to public service and dedication to the city. Cheesecake and chocolate cream cake were served to the council and the public in congratulating Ladwig and West.

The new City Council unanimously selected current Mayor Cheryl Kelly for another term and selected Bryce Kenny to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmembers Jack Tuttle and Kati Breckenridge will continue in their positions.

The new city manager, Joe Tagliaboschi, from Yountville, whose contract was approved as part of the consent agenda, will be introduced at the January council meeting.

Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone said in "items from the floor" that Scenic Drive and other county roads in poor condition would benefit from the recently passed ballot Measure O, which is meant to improve roads.

In other city business, the council accepted Resolution 2024-18, the certification of the 2024 General Election results. The council also approved local "social" use of the slipping Van Wyke trail area, adding a "Beware Unstable Ground Ahead" sign. City Manager Eli Nafah and the council made clear that this was not meant to be a formal

"opening" of the trail, which has been on and off council consideration for over five years.

Meantime, the Axel Lindgren Jr. trail remains closed due to redesign and vegetation clearing efforts. The council said that the closing of the Galindo Trail would be under discussion at a future council meeting. The council approved continuing the Pacific Coast Security supplemental law enforcement services for 20 hours per week. Mayor Kelly held a government-to-government meeting with the Trinidad Rancheria recently. The Rancheria indicated it would continue discussions on engaging in law enforcement efforts with the city.

Animal Control Committee Chairman Kati Breckenridge reported that 15 residents had attended the last meeting; the consensus was that "aggressive dogs" needed to be firmly leashed on Trinidad State Beach and on Trinidad trails.

The council ended the meeting with a unanimous vote to repair the Edwards Street Boardwalk deteriorating boards.

A New Year for Trinidad

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce presents "A New Year for Trinidad" on Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to midnight in Trinidad Town Hall. Good Time Charleys, Henpecker and DJ Knutz (Kevin Ness) will entertain.

Generous hors d'oeuvres, a complimentary sparkling wine toast are included. Cash bar. Must be

21 years old plus to attend. \$20 presale or \$25 evening of admission. Order tickets at BIT.LY/GTCCNYE2025. Email greatertrinidadchamber@gmail.com or visit ExploreTrinidadCA.com for details.

New Year's Day Trinidad Head walk

Dan Dendler, park ranger with the Bureau of Land Management, invites hikers to join him on a Jan. 1, 2025, 7 a.m. Trinidad Head Walk. Meet at the Trinidad Head trailhead on the south end of the parking area near Trinidad State Beach at 7 a.m.

The hike of about 1.4 miles will be about two hours in length with easy to intermediate trails and sections of steep grade.

All are invited. What a perfect way to begin 2025! Email d.dendler@blm.gov for information.

CERT Shoe Drive continues

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) continues its "gently used" or new shoe drive benefitting the acquisition of CERT equipment, supplies and training. Mayor Cheryl Kelly and CERT Leader Larry Goldberg announce several new dropoff locations at Murphy's Market, Eureka Natural Foods in McKinleyville and Fit NorCal, 1040 Samoa Blvd., Suite A in Arcata.

These collection box locations are in addition to the Trinidad Town Hall box.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

MUSD | Possible two-year transition

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Declining enrollment

The MUSD runs three schools in McKinleyville – Dow's Prairie, offering transitional kindergarten to second grade classes; Morris School, third to fifth grade; and McKinleyville Middle School, sixth through eighth grade.

All three schools have experienced a significant drop in enrollment in the last three decades, with Morris losing more than 50 percent of its students.

In the 1994-1995 school year, Morris School had 520 students. By 2015-2016, that had dropped to 370 students. As of this year, enrollment is at 252.

Giannini-Previde attributes the drop in enrollment to a number of causes.

"Over the last few years, schools in California have seen consistent declining enrollment," Giannini-Previde wrote in her letter. "As school funding is directly aligned to enrollment, this means that there is less funding to support our schools. There are many

reasons for this decline: birth rates have been falling for a number of years; the interdistrict transfer rules have created a system where schools are competing for students and families who can afford to drive their children to other districts often do; and since COVID, the unschooling and homeschooling movements have gained popularity."

Transition

The change, if approved by the Board of Trustees, would take place over a period of two years. In the 2025-26 school year, Dow's would offer transitional kindergarten through third grade classes, while Morris would drop the third grade and offer only fourth and fifth grade classes.

McKinleyville Middle School would maintain the status quo, with sixth through eighth grade classes, until the 2026-2027 school year, when it would offer fourth through eighth grade classes. The school would most likely be renamed, being that it would no longer be a middle school.

"Our proposed plan is a two year roll out

that would ensure that students do not have to switch back and forth, allow us time to ensure we can absorb staffing changes through retirements and regular attrition, and give the 4-8th staff a year to plan for the addition of 4-5th graders in a self-contained setting," Giannini-Previde wrote.

The campuses

The recommendation of where to locate the different grades was based mostly on the physical structures on each campus.

"The Dow's Site has the most interior hallways and many design elements that make it ideal for our youngest students. In addition, our bond funds will assist us in replacing outdated portables with updated early childhood classrooms," Giannini-Previde wrote. "The Morris site, while beloved for many reasons, is the school site without any interior hallways. The design is very spread out with bathrooms at the far end of each hallway making supervision of the youngest students difficult. The MMS site also has many design details for older, larger students. The sports facilities are well developed and the bond

funds will help us to redesign the bathrooms for improved safety and comfort."

In her letter, Giannini-Previde poses the question: What happens if enrollment goes back up?

Her answer is "This would be awesome. School leaders are hopeful that increases in Cal Poly enrollment, possible wind or fish farm industries, and even climate migration may bring more people and their school aged children to our area. As the Morris site will still be part of MUSD, it would be possible to reverse this process, if enrollment increases necessitate it."

What now?

In an interview, Giannini-Previde said she will present the Board of Trustees with a consolidation plan along that includes the closure of Morris School. She will also present a plan on how the district can stay within its budget, but keep Morris School open.

"They want input from the community," Giannini-Previde said about the Board of Trustees.

Board meeting agendas and minutes are available at mckusd.org.

OPINION

❖ It's soooo easy to get your letter published in the Mad River Union: First, sign your letter with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification. Then, send it to opinion@madriverunion.com, or the physical address listed on page 2. Finally, make paragraphs, spell check, don't double space and don't capitalize random words. Basically, don't use Martian punctuation and everything will be fine.

Local support for the arts helps build prosperous communities

This morning I was drinking a kombucha and was surprised to see all the uplifting promises its packaging made. It said it would give me sustained energy, mental clarity and a balanced mood. As I sipped I thought, "Wow, that is a lot to get from 16 fluid ounces."

I'm an artist and arts administrator here in Humboldt County, and so as with many of my ponderings, this got me thinking about the arts. How convenient would it be if all the things that uplift us could be packaged so neatly?

I want to pour the arts into tidy glasses for your holiday consumption, much the same as the professional marketers of the aforementioned effervescent beverage did.

If I could bottle the arts here's what I would put on the package; The arts help us be better. They uplift us, bridge divides, encourage empathy, teach us how to express ourselves and hear others. They can

help keep loneliness at bay and are a balm to a battered soul.

When you enter the theater, or the concert hall, or dance on the lawn at the Plaza, you embody the essence of *now*. You are in this place, with these people, seeing this performance and it will never, ever be exactly the same again.

In the world we live in, few experiences prompt the same presentness. What a joyful wonder to sit beside a stranger and laugh out loud, clap your hands in appreciation or jump to your feet in a standing ovation.

The arts help create a community people want to live in, helping retain workers, and attract innovative and creative thinkers.

People like to live in places where art and artists thrive.

Subsequently, tourists like to visit these groovy places, lay their heads down at local hotels and B&B's, grab a beer, or a bite or both.



Peggy Pony
❖ ALL THINGS ART
Jackie Dandeneau



LOOKING UP TO THE ARTS An art-wise Elemental owl, engaging the community. Bob Doran photo

es and individuals that support so many.

This holiday season, if you have a hankering, drink from the large glass of dedicated and talented artists that we call our neighbors. Just like kombucha, it will give you uplifted and sustained energy, mental clarity and a balanced mood. And it is good for you to boot!

Here are a couple of performing

arts organizations In Arcata, but don't be limited by this list:

The Exit Theater

theexit.org/about

In addition to new works, re-imagined classics, and experimental performance, we host regular burlesque, improv, and storytelling events throughout the year. Come take a walk on the wild side with us!

Outer Space

outerspacearcata.com/about

We aim to serve as an incubator for artists, writers, thinkers, and the youth of our community. We seek to empower ourselves alongside our communities by providing an all-ages, safer, and sober space to explore affirmative solutions to problems rooted in systems of oppression.

The Creative Sanctuary

sanctuaryarcata.org

The Sanctuary is dedicated to creative growth through artful living. We encourage people to teach, inspire and know each other

Playhouse Arts

playhousearts.org

Playhouse Arts is a nonprofit arts performing arts and education organization. Our purpose is to build community through the arts.

Response to a false, dogmatic narrative clothed in deceitful empathy

❖ LETTER

Pam Brown's "The Challenge of Being for a Free Unoccupied Palestine in a Small Town," (*Mad River Union*, Nov. 21) reads like crude Hamas indoctrination, instead of an informed article by a professor associated with a respected U.S. university.

Her deeply skewed perspective distorts history and undermines the potential for constructive dialogue. Without having a stake in this conflict, she displays shameful hubris and stokes antisemitism and division in our community. As an Israeli, I feel that I must speak up and point out that such toxic perspectives are destructive and dangerous.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a deeply personal and emotionally charged topic that demands nuanced understanding, not simplistic narratives. I have an intimate connection to this conflict. My perspective is shaped by my own experiences.

I was born in Israel in 1973. That makes me one of the "Children of Winter 1973" — children who were born into the Yom Kippur war, an experience of great pain for my country whose shadow lasted for years, and which I felt as a child. At war's end, the promise of peace glowed in our future, and we longed for it all of our life. Yet, we too had to join in the defense of our country, as we were attacked over and over, the promise of peace still not fulfilled.

My father lost all of his family in the Holocaust. He survived and transformed his trauma into hard work; he rebuilt his life and family. He always calls himself lucky, and refuses to call himself a victim. My mother, whose parents escaped pogroms in Russia, is a classic Sabra (a metaphor for the nature of Israeli Jews; a prickly pear cactus with a thick skin and sweet, soft interior). Antisemitism was a real experience in my family, not an abstract concept. The fear that it could happen again is engraved into my being.

Despite my inherited trauma and real experiences of countless terror and rocket attacks, I have built many relationships — through my parents and on my own — with Palestinians, Arabs, Druze, Mormons, Christians... all who inhabit the land "from the river to the sea."

I was raised on the values of coexistence, tolerance, peace, listening to others' stories and respecting all different kinds of people. I never felt hate toward anyone because of their race, ethnicity or religion. I continue to instill the values I inherited from my parents in my own kids.

Given my Israeli experience, it's shocking to read Brown's article. Even among writings of die-hard supporters of the Palestinian cause, it's hard to find an article this one-sided. Her opinion is a priggish manipulation using half-truths to promote the Palestinian narrative and agenda. This total refusal to recognize the Jewish perspective, history and existential struggle in the region is, unfortunately, an academic trend.

Not only is this intellectual laziness; it is brainwashing people by propagating pseudo-historical truths that promote hate of Israel, which by extension promotes antisemitism. Twisting facts is worse than lying. Depicting Israel as the aggressor and Palestinians as the victim fails to acknowledge the complex, tragic and multi-faceted layers of this conflict.

Brown disguises her opinion as scholarly writing by providing an historical narrative with references. She picks and chooses marginal information to distort Zionism and Jewish history. Zionism arose as a movement for Jewish self-determination in response to centuries of persecution, the worst being the Holocaust. By citing marginal fringe figures like Rabbi Yisroel Dovid Weiss, who represents an anti-Zionist minuscule minority, the article further distorts Jewish/Zionist mainstream perspectives.

These voices are far from representative of the global Jewish community. The fact is that most Jews see Zionism as essential to their self-determination, identity and safety. Quoting negligible opinions as though they represent all Jews is grossly misleading and erases the diversity of Jewish thought.

Brown uses the history of her home country, the United States, to equate Zionism with colonialism, slavery and genocide. She compares white settlers' murder of "millions of Indigenous people" and enslavement of Africans to Israelis' treatment of Palestinians. These analogies are deeply flawed, intellectually dishonest and morally offensive. Zionism is not a movement of conquest but one of survival, rooted in the need for a safe haven after millennia of persecution.

Brown mourns Palestinian displacement while purposely or ignorantly omitting the expulsion of nearly 850,000 Jews from Arab countries in the mid-20th century. These, along with other Jewish refugees, found safety in Israel after being victims of systematic persecution and dispossession for generations.

By refusing to acknowledge this reality, Brown yields a one-dimensional view of the region's history, oversimplifies the past and undermines any attempt to be objective or fair. Framing Zionism as a purely "colonial" project trivializes Jewish history and ignores the deep historical and spiritual connection of the Jewish people to their ancestral homeland.

Moreover, it seems that Brown's own white colonialist settler guilt is causing her to draw false analogies between American history and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Hers is a typical U.S.-centric, privileged white viewpoint that Hamas exploits to its advantage. For convenience, she copies an academic theory that accurately describes one historical situation and pastes it onto a different region with very different circumstances. This is another example of Brown's intellectual laziness.

With her claim to have visited Israel and her romanticized memories, she attempts to capture the reader's attention and give herself credit. Her youthful ignorance of what a "settlement" was transforms decades later into retroactive judgment devoid of nuance. Settlements, armed forces and security measures didn't emerge from a vacuum. They are products of a reality in which Israel faces existential threats from hostile neighbors and terrorist organizations like Hamas. To frame the defense of Israel as aggressive or unnecessary is historically dishonest.

Brown registers shock at "the slaughter of

children and entire families and the destruction of major institutions like hospitals, preschools," etc., in Gaza. There is no mention of Hamas's well-documented deployment of fighters and weapons amid Palestinian population centers and inside those institutions—a major war crime. Human Rights Watch has extensively reported on these practices.

The Hamas strategy is designed to maximize Palestinian civilian deaths and destruction during Israeli military operations against Hamas in order to harm Israel's international reputation. Yet, Brown lays the blame for every civilian casualty solely at Israel's feet, disregarding Hamas's culpability. Such omissions misrepresent the conflict and shift all blame to one side.

Out of duty, Brown only briefly acknowledges the atrocities of Oct. 7 — a day when Hamas terrorists murdered over 1,400 Israelis, including families, children and elderly civilians, but she fails to mention the atrocities committed against the most peace-seeking citizens of Israel, or the \$2.6 billion 409-mile terror compound under the Gaza Strip.

She fails to mention that Hamas leaders have pledged to repeat such atrocities again and again if given a chance. Israel had, therefore, an obligation to go after Hamas to prevent it from implementing its pledge. Any country would do so. Brown misrepresents Israel's military actions as "retribution" and an attempt "to wipe out the residents of Gaza". This is a false and empty accusation.

Brown decries a "truly devastating [history of] the gradual and consistent murder of Palestinians..." as if Israeli actions — not Hamas' or PLO, etc. — have deliberately targeted innocent Palestinians.

Brown never mentions Hamas's horrifying suicide bombings of buses, restaurants and other public venues, murdering more than 1,000 Israeli civilians or the thousands of Hamas rockets launched from Gaza into Israeli towns and villages.

Instead, she cites a diary entry from one former Israeli official's diary as proof of intent: "The complete removal of the Palestinian people and communities was the plan all along." That statement is indeed, appalling, but it was not followed by action.

Brown cherry-picks facts and makes accusations against Israel without historical context to deceive her audience. Were she true to genuine scholarship, Brown would include a more comprehensive representation of post-World War II displacement when the state of Israel was formed.

She would, for example, cite the 12 million ethnic Germans expelled from Eastern and Central European countries such as Poland and Czechoslovakia, (many resettled in West Germany), or the 15 million Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs who, after the 1947 partition of British India, were forced to migrate across newly drawn borders into the nations of India and Pakistan, resulting in immense communal violence and suffering.

Post-WWII's geopolitical reorganization, whether voluntary or forced, caused societies to reshape themselves at widespread human cost. Viewing this turmoil holistically, rather than through a selective lens, is essential for anyone who seeks to learn to understand this complex history. Without it, one cannot draw fair, accurate historical conclusions.

The 1948 creation of Israel also prompted population shifts, compounded by the Arab nations' decision to attack Israel after its declaration of independence. While many Palestinians left or were displaced or killed in war, others chose to remain. This population grew from 150,000 in 1949 to 2 million today and they became part of the fabric of Israel's citizenry. Despite the accusation of Israeli genocide in Gaza, the fact is that the powerful Israeli army could have easily removed all the Palestinians, yet Gaza's Palestinian population increased from about 200,000 in 1949 to more than 2 million today.

Hamas's charter, however, explicitly calls for the destruction of Israel and the eradication of Jews worldwide. This is not a marginal or outdated document; it reflects the organization's ongoing policies and rhetoric. Coexistence under such a regime is implausible, given its history of violence and hostility.

As stated in the article, the Palestinians indeed elected Hamas as their government (in 2006). Choices have consequences. The Palestinians are indeed human beings like us, yet they knew that Hamas' 1988 founding charter openly called for the killing of Jews and the destruction of Israel. This was never repudiated; they elected Hamas.

That choice has caused the Palestinians untold suffering ever since, as their own government took advantage of the population. Brown deliberately portrayed the Gazan Palestinians as victims of Israeli aggression, failing to mention that crowds of Gazans cheered when hostages were abducted into Gaza, and looted kibbutzim that had been attacked.

Brown claims to align with me on my call in my November Article for "kindness, empathy and a true understanding, for both sides"; however, her words ring hollow. Her form of empathy is hypocritical, as it demands recognition of pain only on one side. To overlook Israeli suffering while calling for compassion is not empathy, it is bias. If she genuinely seeks peace, she must get off her pedestal and engage in an honest, balanced exploration of the conflict.

I believe that real progress in understanding this conflict necessitates moving beyond pre-stamped narratives. It requires acknowledging the legitimate fears and aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians. True empathy requires listening to voices across the spectrum, not just those that confirm one's biases.

The most glaring proof of Brown's motivation is her favorable quoting of an anti-Zionist rabbi, who said, "What we want is not a withdrawal to the '67 borders, but to everything included in it, so the country can go back to the Palestinians"; i.e., the elimination of the Jewish state of Israel!

She also writes that she stands for a "free unoccupied Palestine. That is the only road to peace." Peace with whom? Not with Israel, because it would no longer exist if the rabbi's and her wishes were fulfilled. Is she calling for their expulsion — or worse? Her silence on these critical questions makes her argument impractical and ethically indefensible.

Pam Brown proves that she is not on a path to peace, nor true understanding.

Tamar Krigel

"From the River to the Sea, only peace will set us free"

Arcata

SCENE

Confectionery delights of the ballet classic

SUNDANCE BALLET COMPANY

ARCATA — The Sundance Ballet Company proudly presents its 12th annual holiday classic *The Nutcracker*, which will feature talent from its local ballet company members and studio students.

The Sundance Ballet Company will help continue the holiday tradition as it brings three performances of the much-loved ballet classic to Cal Poly Humboldt's Van Duzer Theater on Saturday, Dec. 21 and Sunday Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Dec. 22.

The timeless music of Tchaikovsky weaves the story of Clara and her Nutcracker and features iconic dances like the Sugar Plum Fairy solo and the epic battle between the Nutcracker and Rat King. A cast of 80 dancers, including 16 pre-professional Sundance Ballet Company members will perform the two-hour, traditional version of the ballet.

Company member Ruby Reid is a senior at St. Bernard's High School and is dancing in *The Nutcracker* as Spanish Chocolate, Lead Snowflake, and Rose. She has been dancing at The Dance Scene Studio since she was six years old and has always loved being in *The Nutcracker*. This is her tenth and final *Nutcracker* before she goes to college next year.

One student who worked her way up through the years at the studio, Norah Souza, will dance the coveted role of Clara.

Norah said, "I have danced for the studio for many years and am so excited to perform as Clara this year. I have always wanted to do such a big roll and I am grateful for the opportunity."

Sundance Ballet Company Artistic Director Carrie Badeaux said, "I love the opening of the second act this year. The first act has so much excitement and thrill and then the second act really brings all the sweetness and grandeur of refined ballet. Our dancers perform very challenging and technical choreography, no fluff."

Nutcracker excitement begins with the Party Scene with Clara and continues on a whimsical journey that the dancers have rehearsed hard to perfect.

Advance tickets for the performance are \$15 for children ages 12 and under or \$20 for adults. At the door ticket prices are \$20 for children and \$25 for adults. Tickets may be purchased online at DanceEureka.com, at Wildberries Marketplace in Arcata, or at The Dance Scene Studio in Eureka.



ANGELS Front row: Jordyn Burstein, Norah Merideth-Sutke, Echolette Badeaux and Madison Hamilton. Back row: Mia Miranda, Emilia Prim as Lead Angel, and Harper Pearce.

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MOTHER GINGER AND HER BON BONS David Kitchen as Mother Ginger. Front row: Voxelle Badeaux, Kathryn Klajic and Iris Carter. Back row: Gloria Andros, Quimora Ruiz and Soleil Wilde. PHOTO BY TINA'S PHOTOGRAPHY

Tsunami | Stay out of the zone until it's safe

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tsunami inundation zone in the sandy outpost of Manila. When the quake struck at 10:44 a.m., owner Nora Winge was outside with a dozen children, who were playing in the yard after having a snack.

When the ground started moving, Winge said she thought she was losing her balance. Then she saw a tree swaying back and forth. "I said 'Oh! It's an earthquake,' Winge recalled. She immediately started counting. By the time the shaking stopped, she had counted to well over 30, meaning it was a big quake and a long quake.

She consulted with Manila Community Services District Manager Chris Drop. Shortly after that, her phone buzzed with a tsunami evacuation warning.

"We've got to get out of here," Winge recalled announcing to her assistant, Amanda Moore. It was the first time the Willows & Dunes evacuated its children since it opened in 1995.

But Winge was prepared for the evacuation. It was an event she has been planning for since she opened three decades ago. Knowing that she was in a tsunami zone and responsible for the safety of the children under her care, she consulted with tsunami experts Lori Dengler, now a professor emeritus at Cal Poly Humboldt, and Troy Nicolini of the National Weather Services.

She created an emergency preparedness plan and installed a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration emergency alert radio at the daycare. She found out where to evacuate to and started conducting yearly drills.

So when the warning came Dec.

5, Winge was prepared and had a plan. Winge and Moore grabbed their emergency to-go backpacks, which were stocked with food, water, wipes, diapers, emergency blankets and other supplies. They grabbed wagons and calmly walked with the children from Raineri Drive, to Peninsula Drive and then to Pacific Avenue, where they walked west up to the tall dunes, which the kids affectionately call "The Jumping Dunes." It's a favorite place for the children to go to play. They visit the dunes often.

The dunes are more than 60 feet high and are outside the tsunami inundation zone, so they are considered a safe spot to ride out a tsunami.

The kids were excited to be in the dunes, where Winge and Moore scurried to keep them atop the tallest dunes, despite the children's temptation to jump down them. The kids were served peanut butter and rice cakes and were kept safe. Eventually, the tsunami warning was called off, and the children returned to the day-care center.

Winge said she considers the evacuation a success. "We did the right thing," she said.

There was, however, a problem that could have had deadly consequences had this been a major tsunami — parents were traveling into the tsunami zone to pick up their children. This happened not just in Manila, but also at schools in Arcata, Eureka and McKinleyville.

There were multiple reports of traffic snarling roadways in low-lying areas, including State Route 255, where a long line of vehicles made their way west from the peninsula towards higher ground in Arcata.

In the case of a 9.0 subduction zone

quake, the total time to evacuate is estimated to be about 15 minutes or less. Those vehicles would have been washed away.

Winge said that parents need to be educated about the tsunami dangers. Last week, she sent a letter to parents explaining that the children are safe in the tall dunes, but parents are not safe traveling the roads surrounding Humboldt Bay during a tsunami.

"...the bay itself, and the roads that border it, are riskier than our spot in Manila," Winge wrote. "It's more likely that inundation (fast and deep flooding) would spread out from the bay as the water enters the inlet between the north and south jetties, than that water would come up and over the dunes at our location. Once in the bay, water will quickly spread north, south, east and west, flooding all the low-lying areas around the bay and into the bottoms."

"The highways and beyond will all be flooded. It is most likely any cars on those roads will be washed away and the people in those cars drowned," Winge wrote. "That is why it is imperative that everyone in a tsunami zone seek high ground immediately by foot. If everyone jumps in their cars to drive to safety, that will create gridlock, and all the people stuck in their cars will most likely drown."

As Winge notes, almost all of State Route 255 is in the tsunami zone.

Winge urges parents to stay out of the zone until it is safe.

"We are ready to keep your child safe, and we need you to keep yourself safe so that you can reunite with them once it's OK to travel again," Winge wrote. "We really, really don't want you to drown trying to drive to

JEFF LANDEN performs Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Local slide guitar virtuoso Jeff Landen shows off his repertoire. The show starts at 7 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000

HDMB JAZZ QUARTET performs Thursday, Dec. 19 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Do you miss the glory days of jazz music or long to duck into a bar on a stormy night for beautiful and lively music? Look no further than the HDMB Jazz Quartet. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS takes place Friday, Dec. 20 at the Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt. Ireland's rich cultural heritage gets a visit with Tomáseen Foley's "A Celtic Christmas," as it transports audiences to a bygone era in the west of Ireland during the 1940s, before the era of cars, televisions and telephones. This 29th season promises an immersive experience like no other, and delves into the authenticity of Celtic arts as masterful performers breathe life into music, dance and storytelling, showcasing the essence of tradition. All ages. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$50, centertarts.humboldt.edu

FIRESIGN performs Friday, Dec. 20 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Fire-Sign is a locally based band drawing inspiration from five decades of music, with a focus on multiple-part harmonies and diverse musical accompaniment. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

BIG 8 performs Friday, Dec. 20 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Paul DeMark, Justin Brown, Jeff Landen and Robert Franklin playing a blend of roots American music, greasy New Orleans and southern grooves. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, loggerbar.com/events

PAPA HAOLE performs Friday, Dec. 20 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Local favorites featuring steel pan, ukulele, drums, bass and guitar, playing original rock, reggae, ska, Latin and calypso. Show starts at 5 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, sixriversbrewery.com

ROGER JAEGER performs Friday, Dec. 20 at Mad River Tap Room at 195 Taylor Way in Blue Lake. Local singer-songwriter playing a blend of indie/alternative music, infused with folk and country vibes. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 668-4151, madriverbrewing.com

THE WARSAW POLAND BROS. perform Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. The Warsaw Poland Bros. are an Arizona-based D.I.Y. band whose music ranges from dub, rock, ska, punk, Celtic punk

and freestyle. Each performance is unique, as lead singer Aaron Poland tends to not memorize his lyrics, and the result is a confident performer who engages the audience at every turn, never stands still and always has something new to say. Their music has such diversity because it was an effort to capture all of their influences and interests into one. Also with Checkered Past. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

DANCING PLAGUE performs Saturday, Dec. 21 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Dancing Plague makes broodingly intense and emotional dark electronic music. On their fifth studio album, *Elogium*, the solo project explores their distinct emotional crooning vocals in a crushing blend of EBM, industrial and darkwave. Also with NorCal's Tabor Mountain, who veers from synthpop to indie rock with splashes of eldritch samples and the best bits leftover from hair metal. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 in advance and at the door. richardsgoat.com

THE VELVET SEA performs Saturday, Dec. 21 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. The Velvet Sea is Humboldt County's very own Phish tribute band featuring members from past and present music projects, including the Grateful Getdown, Silent Giants, Moo-Got-2, The Remedy, Magnificent Sanctuary Band and more. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

TURTLE GOODWATER AND OAK TOP perform Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. An evening of Americana country with Turtle Goodwater playing country, honky tonk and bluegrass while sharing the stage with local favorites Oak Top. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over.

FROGBITE performs Saturday, Dec. 21 at Mad River Tap Room at 195 Taylor Way in Blue Lake. Area band Frogbite plays mostly original folk-influenced rock 'n' roll and stylings of country, jazz, blues and all in between. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages.

COMING UP:

- Barry "The Fish" Melton at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, Dec. 27, 8 p.m.
- Fooz Fighters at Blue Lake Casino, Saturday, Dec. 28, 9 p.m.
- Barn Fire at the Logger, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 9:30 p.m.
- Black Flag at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.
- Sierra Hull at the Van Duzer Theatre, Saturday, Jan. 18, 8 p.m.
- The Peking Acrobats at the Van Duzer Theatre, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.
- Dogs in a Pile at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 8 p.m.
- Mason Jennings at Humboldt Brewery, Thursday, Jan. 23, 8 p.m.

So when the warning came Dec.

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ernment-based damage reimbursements and "creating connections with non-governmental organizations within the community," Derby said.

"A big lesson learned in the 2022 earthquake was the need to engage some non-traditional partners in recovery," he added. "We often look at governmental structures or governmental programs for our recovery, but that's not effective for the community need."

For the 2022 earthquake, a "recovery manager" was hired for post-earthquake assistance, including assistance with financial relief.

Damage reimbursement is a high-profile element of disaster response but a major player – the federal government – has high thresholds for it.

"In 2022, we had a lot of confusion as far as was FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) going to come in and buy everyone a new home? Is FEMA going to fix my home? And that's not the case in these emergencies," said County Sheriff Billy Honsal.

"And we, I think, as a community, we have to

understand the thresholds that we have to meet in order to get a FEMA declaration."

Those standards are outlined in the Annex and Honsal summarized them.

"It's easy to get a state declaration and easy to do a local declaration as long as we do have the damage assessments," he said. "But to get a federal declaration, it's hundreds of millions of dollars worth of damage. And so a hurricane – no problem, we're likely to get that every single time. An earthquake in LA, no problem. An earthquake up here, not so much."

Supervisors discussed various recovery concerns, including water and sewage issues and public safety.

On the latter issue, Supervisor Natalie Arroyo related her experiences while living in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina and "multiple hurricanes" in Florida.

"I remember the feeling of unease when a lot of residents evacuated and a lot of new people who were part of the response filled the city, and how uncomfortable it was to suddenly have all my friends and neighbors and co-workers gone and have thousands upon thousands of people

streaming into the community who didn't live there," she said. "And some of them were away from home and were behaving a little bit badly after hours and I remember feeling unsafe."

Noting that "we've been entering into conversations about missing and murdered Indigenous people in the community," Arroyo asked how public safety will be handled.

Honsal said disaster response will include "bringing in more law enforcement officers to be able to make sure that people see public safety out in our communities" and ensuring "people's vacated homes and vacated areas are being addressed and secured and 911 systems are still up and running."

Community members also have a role.

"We require people to be our eyes and ears in our community because we can't be everywhere and so when you see something you need to call 911, you need to tell us about it so we can be responsive to that – that's part of the education process," said Honsal.

The draft Annex is up for public review and a final version of it will be presented to supervisors in mid-January for adoption.

Body | Found

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scene and the Major Crimes Division also sent personnel as a precaution.

The decedent has been identified as Krystal Shinka, age 43, of Eureka. Shinka was reported as a missing person to the Eureka Police Department on Dec. 9, with the reporter stating that Shinka had not been seen since Dec. 5.

Shinka's autopsy was scheduled for later in the week. Shinka's manner of death has not been determined at this time and the case is still under investigation.

Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

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A MARSHING WE SHALL GO Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 21. Meet leader Barbara Reisman at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center (AMIC) on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on marsh plants. (707) 826-2359.

BRING YOUR BINOCULARS Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Gary Friedrichsen at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails and a great diversity of birdlife.

WATERFRONT BIRDING TOUR Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour along the Eureka Waterfront Trail on Sunday, Dec. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m., with leader Ralph Bucher. This relatively urban trail offers the potential to observe species abundance and diversity compared to many more remote locations. Watch out for cormorants, loons, grebes and even otters diving for their meals in the bay alongside the trail. This walk is on a flat, paved trail that is wheelchair accessible. Email Ralph to sign up for this field trip at thebook@reninet.com.



NATURE NEWBIES



DUNES HQ The Humboldt Coastal Nature Center.

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ARCATA – Calling all Nature Newbies! Friends of the Dunes is offering free guided walks and events designed for nature-curious individuals interested in building their confidence to explore and enjoy Humboldt's natural spaces. No experience is necessary, all walks will be introductory level with friendly and welcoming instructors.

This month, Nature Newbies presents our Wellness Series, which features three events: Silent Slowdown, a guided meditation practice which was held on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Sunset Yoga on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. and Forest Mindfulness on Sunday, Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information visit friendsofthedunes.org. RSVP is required for every workshop - please email info@friendsofthedunes.org or call (707) 444-1397 to reserve a spot. More information about each workshop and directions will be provided upon registration.

Sunset Yoga

Join Angie Edmunds for Sunset Yoga on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature

Center (220 Stamps Ln., Manila).

As the sun dips below the horizon, hear the

soothing rhythm of waves and see the warm hues of the sky create a serene back-

drop, enhancing each breath and pose. Take a moment to ground yourself, release tension, and find peace in the natural ebb and flow of the sea.

Forest Mindfulness

Join naturalist and Certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide, Justin Legge, at Digawutuklh (formerly Samoa Dunes & Wetlands Conservation Area), for an Introduction to Forest and Nature Mindfulness on Sunday, Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tune into the mental and physiological benefits that nature can provide when you allow yourself to slow down outdoors. We will discuss and practice specific techniques to enable ourselves to receive as much benefit from nature, in as short a time as possible. You will come away with a better understanding of the practice and the ability to incorporate some concepts into your own health and well-being routine.

Since its establishment in 1982, Friends of the Dunes has actively engaged the community in the conservation of the coastal environments of Humboldt County, California. They envision a dynamic, naturally diverse coastal environment that is restored, sustained and enjoyed for generations to come through the involvement of community members who embrace learning about and caring for the land. Friends of the Dunes is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to conserving the natural diversity of coastal environments in northern California.

friendsofthedunes.org

CHRISTMAS DAY WALK

Join leader Paul Wilson for Friends of the Arcata Marsh's annual Christmas Day walk on Wednesday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m. The focus will be recycling of materials through the ecosystem. If you'd like to set out on a 90-minute, rain-or-shine leg-stretcher, meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center on South G Street on Wednesday, Dec. 25. The building will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (707) 826-2359.

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